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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

January 26, 2007, 9:00 AM
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N318, San Francisco Room
Sacramento, CA 95834

1. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Chair Joe Mello called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Joe Mello, Chair; David Bloom, Vice Chair; Tom Crosby; Kris Vyverberg; Cecilia Yu (Board representative); Charles Nestle arrives 10:25am.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

A member of the public, Ms. Cheryl Bly-Chester, requested and received information from the TAC and Board staff on procedures for filing a complaint against unlicensed and/or incompetent practice of geology with the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from July, 28, 2006 TAC meeting

The TAC approved the minutes of the July 28, 2006 meeting.

4. Report on Board Meetings of December 8, 2006 and December 22, 2006.

5. Discussion of Assignments to the TAC from the Board

Discussed qualifying degrees and coursework and issues surrounding Section 7847 "licensure without written examination" and that the board is looking for recommendations on amending Section 7847 to delete "without written examination" from the statute.

6. Discussion of Continuing Education requirements for Professional Geologists/Geophysicists

Chair Mello offered to look at the Occupational Therapist Board that had incorporated continuing education requirements into law when it was formed in 2000. The TAC explored possible support from professional organizations, talked about other state geology boards, including Texas, with continuing education requirements, and discussed "continuing competency" (to include professional ethics) as the preferred nomenclature. Mr. Nestle and Mr. Bloom agreed to work on outlining some recommendations based in part on the State of Texas example.

7. Geomorphology Information Sheet Discussion

The TAC discussed the geomorphology information write-up and summary table and agreed to forward it to the Board.

8. TAC Chair's report, announcements, homework assignments, April 26, 2007 meeting agenda items

Adopted a motion that the TAC members review the text of Business and Professions Code Section 7847 for next meeting.

Protection of the public shall be the highest priority of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount. (Business and Professions Code §7810.1)

Chair Mello agreed to generate a draft statement of reasons and to draft regulatory language using occupational therapist requirements as a starting point.

Adopted a motion recommending that the Board reappoint TAC members with expired terms.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Joe Mello, Committee Chair

Date Approved: July 13, 2007